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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6522**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1578

**NOTE PREPARED:** Dec 8, 2004

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Firefighters in Annexed or Consolidated Areas.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Bright

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**      **GENERAL**  
                                 **DEDICATED**  
                                 **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** The bill provides that a full-time, fully paid firefighter of a fire department or fire protection district: (1) within annexed territory; (2) incorporated into the Indianapolis fire special service district; (3) of a municipality that merges with another municipality; or (4) of a political subdivision that consolidates its fire services with the services of another political subdivision; becomes a full-time, fully paid firefighter of the annexing municipality, Indianapolis fire special service district, merged municipality, or the consolidated fire department at not less than the same salary and with equivalent health benefits and pension benefits. It also requires that the firefighter receives full credit under the pension plan for prior service with the firefighter's former department.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2005.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** The fiscal impact of this bill will vary among municipalities depending on the number of firefighters that would qualify under these provisions per annexation or merger, their compensation, and their pension benefits.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** Municipalities, townships, political subdivisions.

**Information Sources:**

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